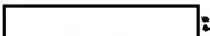


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Dear :

General Smith has asked me to acknowledge with thanks your letter to him dated 3 October 1952 inquiring whether this Agency might have a place for you.

As you may or may not know, there are Congressional limitations on the employment of retired officers of the Armed Forces unless the retirement is by reason of disability incurred either in line of duty or as a result of combat. If your pending retirement is effected as a straight longevity or disability incurred not in line of duty case, it would require special Congressional authority for you to be employed anywhere within the Federal government. While the Director of Central Intelligence has authority to employ fifteen such individuals, no such vacancies now exist or are expected to exist within the foreseeable future.

If, on the other hand, your eventual retirement is effected with a line of duty or combat disability, we would be in a position to consider you for whatever vacancies then existed within the organization. Until you have some idea of the outcome, I'm afraid that we can do nothing looking toward discussing employment possibilities with you.

We appreciate your interest in serving with us and I hope that this letter will serve to apprise you of some of the limitations which would exist in your case.

Very truly yours,

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